September, 2019

# Town of Braintree Department of Elder Affair

71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree, MA 02184 Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM "Live, Learn, Laugh and Be Happy" Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan

Sharmila Biswas: Director Michelle Birolini: Volunteer Coordinator

Mary Howland: Outreach Coordinator William Murphy: Custodian

Therese Jarrett: Services Coordinator Frank DeFrancesco: Transportation Services

PHONE: 781-848-1963 FAX: 781-848-2835 WEBSITE: www.townofbraintreegov.org

Please note you may sign up for all activities on or after September 3rd at 9:30 am

Please do not call earlier to request to be signed up for any activity unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding

October 30, 2019 Trip
Newport Playhouse Luncheon and performance of "Boeing, Boeing"
Bus Departs: 9:30 AM

Bus Returns: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$70.00 (includes, bus, tips, buffett luncheon, Play and Cabaret Show)



#### A Little About the Show...

The play is set in the 1960s, and centers on bachelor Bernard, who has a flat in Paris and three stewardesses all engaged to him without knowing about each other. But Bernard's life gets bumpy when his friend Robert comes to stay, and complications such as weather and a new, speedier Boeing jet disrupt his careful planning. Soon all three stewardesses are in the city simultaneously, and catastrophe looms

\* U.S. Disabilities ACT of 1990-Town of Braintree: A handicapped accessible coach bus may be made available upon receipt of notice provided to the Department of Elder Affairs at least 30 days prior by calling 781-848-1963 **Braintree Residents Only** 

# Sharmila's Corner

## Greetings,

Summer came in late this year, but right now it looks like it is here to stay for a few more days. There were a couple of days in July when the heat index was dangerously high. The Mayor had declared the Senior Center as a Cooling Center and there was a skeleton crew here on a Saturday morning, to ensure that the building was accessible to anyone who needed a little relief from the oppressive heat. Thank you Bill and Michelle. The summer months are beautiful in New England and we all know that the heat does not stay for too long. So, enjoy the days and just remember to keep yourself hydrated and refrain from strenuous activities from the hours of 10 AM to 3 PM.

Most of you know that Braintree Elder Affairs has a very busy Transportation Program. Older adults, who live alone and are unable to drive, our vans take them to their medical appointments. Many are driven to the Senior Center so they can participate in the programs and activities offered by us. Twice a week, some are driven to the local grocery store and somedays, if time permits and under emergency, seniors may be driven to the local bank, drug store, etc. Undoubtedly, in every Senior Center, Transportation is one of the most important service. Without this service, I strongly believe that many of our elders could not maintain a healthy and an independent lifestyle. To support our program, we have a great team of drivers and helpers. Frank, as most of you know is our full time person and Eddie is with us part time. We have Tony, Brian and Vinny, they are volunteers who help us on a regular basis. Last, but not least, Doug and Nick, our volunteer escorts. Doug and Nick are always ready to help seniors who use our vans to grocery shop. Thank you gentlemen. All of you are very special to us.

To keep our transportation program running smoothly we also need help from you, our riders. To schedule a ride, please give us at least 48 hours notice. Please do not leave your ride request on the phone voice message. Call during business hours so someone can check the availability and confirm the ride. If you need to cancel, please let us know, for that, you can leave a voice message. Please be ready when the van comes to pick you up. Precious time goes by when our driver has to ring your door bell or call us to call you. It is helpful, if you know where your doctor's office is. Often times, our van driver has to search for the place and that again is time consuming. If you go grocery shopping, please make sure you buy just enough what you can carry. We need to have space in the van to fit in everyone's grocery bags. We are lucky to have Nick and Doug help carry the groceries, but please make sure that the items are not too heavy or too many. Once in the van, make sure to put your seat belts on. Kindly ask for help if you cannot do it yourself. Please be courteous to the driver and fellow passengers. If you are too sick or have a bad cold, you can always call to cancel the ride. To follow some standard practices, please make sure you are wearing clean clothes and shoes, so everyone can have a comfortable ride. Our drivers are not allowed to accept tips. But if you are very much appreciative of their service, the Senior Center is always happy to accept a donation. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Special Activities and Meetings: See our calendar for a complete list of activities

2nd & 4th Monday	Bereavement Support Group	2:00 PM
1st Wed& 3rd Wed	Bingo—	1:00 PM
Monday Sept 9th & 23rd	Trivia	12:00PM
Every Tuesday	Shine Insurance Counseling	10:00 AM
Tuesdays	Beginner Computers: Call to sign up	9:30 AM
Every Tuesday	Rummikub	10:00 AM
Every Tuesday	Cribbage	12:30 PM
Every Tuesday	Walking Group (see calendar for locations)	10:00 AM
Every Wednesday	Asian Outreach 長者服務	10:00 AM
September 3	Low Vision	10:00 AM
September 5	TRIAD-Emergency Preparedness	10:00 AM
September 9	Sheriff's Cookout	11:30 AM
September 10	Dedication to Mary Cirignano and Jean York	11:00 AM
September 10	Supper Club (Please call to sign up, Braintree residents take preference)	3:00 PM
September 13	Dance with Rosie from Brightview	1:00 PM
September 24	AARP Returns	1:00 PM
September 16, 23	Origami with Peg	1:00 PM
September 25	New Movie Wednesday -"Going in Style"	12:00
September 26	Lobster Roll Cruise	10:30
September 27	Turkey Dinner at the Moose Lodge	12:00
September 30	Luncheon at Braintree Elder Affairs	12:00

# RECYCLING

#### **Braintree Recycling Office Article**

Under recently revised MA D.E.P. rules for recycling, an item no longer accepted is shredded paper. The reason being that shredded paper is always in some type of bag and, when opened at the recycling processing plant, the material flies around the room and equipment, resulting in the plant not being able to recycle it. Bags of shredded paper now need to go in the trash.

To offer Braintree residents an alternative, the Town is instituting a service wherein shredded paper can be dropped off. The new service will be available as of May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Town's Recycling Center, 257 Ivory Street during regular hours: Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri & Sat (7am-3PM). Closed: Wed, Sun & holidays. Residents can simply hand their bag(s) to an attendant who will empty them into the special carts (limit of two 15 gallon bags per visit). Please do not place shredded paper in any other container at the site.

Rosemary Nolan 781-794-8060



# Every Tuesday Braintree Town Hall 3:00-4:00 Every Friday Braintree Town Hall 9:00-10:00 Thursday, Sept. 12 Independence Housing 10:30-11:30 Wed, Sept 18 Department of Elder Affairs 12:15-1:00 Tuesday, Sept. 24 Roosevelt Housing 12:00-12:30

**Blood Pressure Clinics** 

## **Shopping Shuttle Schedule**

Reservations: please call 781-848-1963; 48 hours in advance.

Pick-up time between: 9:30 to 10:00 AM Return time between: 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Sept. 3
Thursday, Sept. 5
Tuesday, Sept. 10
Thursday, Sept. 12
Tuesday, Sept. 17
Thursday, Sept. 17
Thursday, Sept. 19
Tuesday, Sept. 24
Thursday, Sept. 26
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Roche Bros
Shaw's

Special Shopping Trip: Friday, Sept. 13, Dollar Store, Quincy

# **Monthly Movie**



Date: Wednesday, September 25 Time: 12:00 Noon



Three friends and retired steelworkers are outraged to learn that their pension fund has been raided by a shady corporation. Soon, they decide to rob one of the corporation's banks to get their money back in this rousing crime comedy.

#### Services

#### • Outreach:

Information & Referral
Advocacy
Friendly Visitor & Library Express

 Transportation: please call to reserve Medical Van Rides Senior Center Activity Rides Shopping Shuttles

#### • Recreation:

Monthly Lunches
Social Activities
Special Events & Educational Seminars
Day Trips
Health and Fitness Classes

#### Support Groups:

Low Vision Meetings Alzheimer's Support Meetings Bereavement Support Group

- TRIAD: senior safety
- SHINE: health insurance counseling; please call for an appointment
- Ask the lawyer: free consultations; please call for an appointment
- Medical Equipment Loans:

wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower seats and commodes; please call ahead.

## **Monthly Luncheon**



Date: September 30
Time: 12:00 Noon
Where: 71 Cleveland Ave, Braintree

Department of Elder Affairs Menu: Cost: \$7.00 Meatloaf and

Mashed Potato

Along with some wonderful

music



# From the Chairman

#### From The Chairman of the Board, Hank Joyce

Well the good weather continues to be beautiful for those of us who like the hot weather and don't mind the sun. If you don't like this hot weather, please stay cool either in your house, the Senior Center or go to a nice cool movie house and enjoy a good movie. Talking about good movie the Center had Upside which is a great movie and I am sure for those who saw it will tell you it is one of the best movies they have seen in a long time.

Well my Boston Red Sox are not doing too well with only 45 games to go they are at least 5-7 games out of the wild card spots and need to put a real good winning streak together. It is almost football time and the Patriots looked pretty good in their 1<sup>st</sup> pre-season game. I am sure Coach Bill was pleased with some of the new players he got and looks forward to getting them ready for the real season which start in only 4 weeks. As we approach September, the Senior Center is getting ready for a very busy September. Starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September is Emergency Preparedness presented by Mass Office on Disability (TRIAD). On the 9<sup>th</sup> the Sheriff's Dept. will be in for the annual cookout and there will be Lobster Roll Cruise on the 26<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Moose Lodge turkey luncheon on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and our regular monthly luncheon on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Looks like a lot of food will be served at the Senior Center in September.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> we have a very important primary election to select the people who will make it to the November ballot. Please take a real close look at the candidates before you vote as this is a very important time for Braintree as we prepare to have a new Mayor and a few new Councilors. As we all know there are some very important decisions to be made over the next few years. I hope you continue to enjoy the summer and the cooler weather that comes with it as we approach September. Please make it down to the Center during the month of September as we have something for everyone. Please continue to be safe and happy.

## **TRIAD**

Emergency Preparedness
Presented by
Evan George of Mass Office of Disability
Please Call Department of Elder Affairs to sign up
At 781-848-1963

Date: September 5 Time: 10:00 AM

Where: Braintree Department of Elder Affairs
Members of the disability community will learn about the
emergency response resources and procedures within the
local community and the steps that can be taken to personally prepare for emergency situations such as ice storms,
fire, toxic, chemical leaks, etc...





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## **Outreach Department**



#### **Drive Safely:**

With school being back in session, we would like to remind you that children will be out and about crossing streets at their bus stops. This is a reminder to be extra cautious while driving.

#### **New application for Housing Authority:**

You can now apply for the Housing Authority online at the CHAMP (Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public Housing) website. The CHAMP website is:

https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/

If you do not have access to a computer, you can fill out a paper copy of the CHAMP application and mail or deliver it to the Housing Authority.

#### **Friendly Visitor Program:**

Our Friendly Visitor Program is designed for residents of Braintree who are age 60 and older who live alone, and who are lonely, homebound or isolated. You will receive home visits and follow up telephone calls from our Friendly Visitor. The purpose of these visits is to alleviate loneliness and isolation by having social interaction with the Friendly Visitor. The Friendly Visitor Program is funded by a Title IIIB grant from South Shore Elder Services and by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Donations to the program are also greatly appreciated and are used solely to enrich this service. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this program, please call the Outreach Office at 781-848-1963.

# Alzheimer's' Care Giver's Support Group: A Memorable Evening

Braintree Elder Affairs invites you to join us for a wonderful Musical Evening. We are delighted to plan an evening for you and your loved one. Care giving is stressful, so please come, relax and unwind. There will be music and fun with drumming to a different beat. Nothing is complete without good food, so please join us for dinner If you are a caregiver taking care of a relative afflicted with Alzheimer's related Dementia, this evening is dedicated to you.

Music

**Drumming Circle** 

Food will be provided through the courtesy of Grove Manor Estates

Date: September 24, 2019 at 5 PM

To Sign Up: Please call 781-848-1963 (Braintree Residents will get preference)

# Moose Lodge, Luncheon



Once again, in September, our generous friends from the Braintree Moose Club would like to invite our Braintree seniors for a delicious luncheon at the Lodge.

This is a **free event** sponsored by the Loyal Order of the Moose and the Women of the Moose.

Date: Friday, September, 27, at 12 PM Where: Braintree Moose Lodge # 413 175 Howard Street, Braintree

To sign up, please call 781-848-1963
Braintree residents only please.

# Medicare 2020: What is changing and what is not

## Melinda Morle

SHINE Program Director, HESSCO

It is easy to understand why Medicare is so important....but not always simple to understand Medicare choices and changes. What changes can Medicare beneficiaries expect to see in 2020. Come and learn which plans supplement Medicare coverage, which plan saves on prescriptions, legislations that affects Medicare beneficiaries, new Medicare cards and more.

Open Enrollment begins from October 15 through December 7, 2019. An important time to think and understand your choices.

September 17, 2020 at 12:30 PM
Please call 781-848-1963 to sign up for this very important session
Cheese and fruit will be served



# In memory of Mary Cirignano and Jean York

# Tuesday, September 10 at 11 AM

Braintree Elder Affairs invites you to a dedication ceremony in the memory of two great women. Mary and Jean were an important part of the Senior Center. Between the two of them, they gave over 40 years of service to Braintree Department of Elder Affairs, formerly known as the Braintree Council on Aging. They both have passed, but we still cherish their memory and we still laugh when we remember Mary's sense of humor.

Braintree Elder Affairs was fortunate to receive a generous donation from Alliance for Respiratory Health Care Inc. in the memory of these two charismatic women. Mary and Jean also served as volunteers there, for many years. Thanks to Sunny Shaw for thinking of us. We have purchased a 85 inch colored TV and a DVD with the money received. The TV has been installed in our new room and everyone is delighted. Please join Mayor Sullivan as he dedicates this TV in the memory of these two remarkable women. Sunny will be joining us for the dedication.

Where: 71 Cleveland Avenue, Please call 781-848-1963 to sign up. Refreshments will be served.

# Senior Walk for Health and Fitness, Save the Date









Mark

your cal-

endars Wednesday, October, 9, 2019 Rain date, Friday, October, 11, 2019

We are excited to step into the 12th year of our "Annual Walk for Senior Health and Fitness," in collaboration with Weymouth Elder Services. Supported by MCOA Go for Life and many local Elder Care Services

Sign up begins in September



## **Sheriff's Cookout**

# Origami with Peg



**Public** Safety

Information Cookout Date: September 9 Time: 11:30 AM

Sheriff McDermott will discuss the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office public safety programs that are particularly beneficial to the senior citizens of Braintree. Norfolk County Sheriff's Office will supply and staff members will cook and serve Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and cold drinks to Braintree Senior Citizens.

Please call on or after September 3rd at 9:30 am to sign up. Braintree Residents take preference

Dates: September 16th and 23rd

**Time: 1:00 PM** 

Where: Braintree Elder Affair

\$4.00 per class

Is an activity in *Senior* Centers abroad as it will help improve the hand-eye coordination for *seniors*. In fact, specific modified *Origami* figures are used in helping those affected by Alzheimer's disease. It improves the mental faculty because it helps improves your focus and mental skills.



# Rosie is Back!

# Rosie from Brightview Tak

And she is better than ever!

Join us for Dancing and Refreshments Featuring



Arko Beybutyan
From "You Think You Can
Dance"

No Partner needed.

September 13 @ 1:00PM

Please call 781-848-1963 to sign up

# **ART CLASS**

Take part in an exciting acrylic painting workshop!

Subject matter will be a fall landscape with reflections in a lake or bring your own photo to work with.

Bring your own paints/brushes or use a "loaner set" of paints.

11"by 14"canvas will be available for purchase for \$1.00

Fridays October 18 through Nov 8 10-11:30. Max: 10 students \$20.00 fee

**Instructor: Barb Wilson** 





Friday, September 6 "City Slickers"

Every year, three friends take a vacation away from their wives. This year, henpecked

Phil (Daniel Stern), newly
married Ed (Bruno Kirby), and Mitch (Billy Crystal) -- terrified of his midlife crisis -- decide to reignite their masculinity by taking a supervised cattle drive across the Southwest. Under the supervision of gruff cowboy Curly (Jack Palance), the men set out on a journey that
turns unexpectedly dangerous. The three men bond along the way to conquering their fear of aging.

Friday, September 13 No Movie

## Friday, September 20 "Baby's Day Out"

Posing as children's photographers, three crooks (Joe Mantegna, Joe Pantoliano, Brian mansion to kidnap an infant (Adam Robert Worton, Jacob Joseph Worton). Their hoshowever, escaping their hideout and making his way into downtown Chicago. Now the con men have to find their abductee, who believes that in order to return home he must reenact scenes from his favorite storybook, including trips to the zoo and a construction site.

## Friday, August 27 "Fever Pitch"

When Ben Wrightman (Jimmy Fallon), a young teacher, begins dating pretty business(Drew Barrymore), the two don't seem to have a lot of the same interests, but they fall in love, regardless. Their romance goes well until baseball season begins, and Lindsey soon realizes that Ben is completely obsessed with the Boston Red Sox. Though she tries to understand Ben's passionate team loyalty, eventually it threatens to end their otherwise happy relationship.

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71 Cleveland Avenue	Stamp
Braintree, MA 02184	Here

#### Braintree Dept. of Elder Affairs ~ 2019 Board Members Henry (Hank) Joyce, Chairman of the Board

Wayne Gilbert, Vice Chairman Ann Moore, Secretary Robert Caruso, Treasurer

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### THE FRIENDS

Dear Friends,

Sure hope you've enjoyed this summer of warm (sometimes hot) weather with longer days and more outside activities.

Our first meeting of this new fiscal year is scheduled for Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend, participate and vote on all matters that come before us.

Since this is the meeting where we usually plan our schedule for the year, we would like to have YOU in attendance. Your input is vital to the success of our organization. Please mark your calendars and plan on being with us.

Sure hope to see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

The Friends

Friends

The Braintree Department of Elder Affairs' newsletters are available at Town Hall, Thayer Public Library, banks, supermarkets, pharmacies, churches and some medical facilities. Please view online: www.townofbraintreegov.org Donations to The Braintree Department of Elder Affairs are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have generously donated to support our wonderful programs.